

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 13, lines 18-29:

The waveform data may be compressed in any methods insofar as data stream of an audio signal is compressed, but preferably, the waveform data is compressed in a method in which data is compressed at a high compression rate, such as the MP3 (~~MPEG-1~~ MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3) method, the AAC (MPEG-2, Advanced Audio Coding) method, the TwinVQ (Transform-domain Weighted Interleave Vector Quantization), the ATRAC (Adaptive Transform Acoustic Coding ~~Coding~~) method, and the ADPCM (Adaptive Differential Pulse Code Modulation) method. However, the decoder 24 should be designed suitably for the adopted compression method at least.

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